


News Briefs

Enlisted dorms meeting
A mandatory enlisted dorms meeting will begin at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at the base chapel annex. Dress will be uniform of the day. Anyone who will not be able to attend the meeting must notify their first sergeant.

PRAXIS test
The Education Services Flight will offer PRAXIS testing June 14. This test session is only open to military personnel. PRAXIS I and one PRAXIS II may be taken at the Department of Defense's expense. Cost for registration will be \$40 per test date. For more information or to schedule for a test, call Ext. 2562.

Testing schedule
The Education Services Flight offers testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Everyone who tests must arrive a few minutes early for sign-in. Anyone who is late will not be permitted to test and will have to reschedule. For more information, or to sign up to take a test, call Ext. 2562.

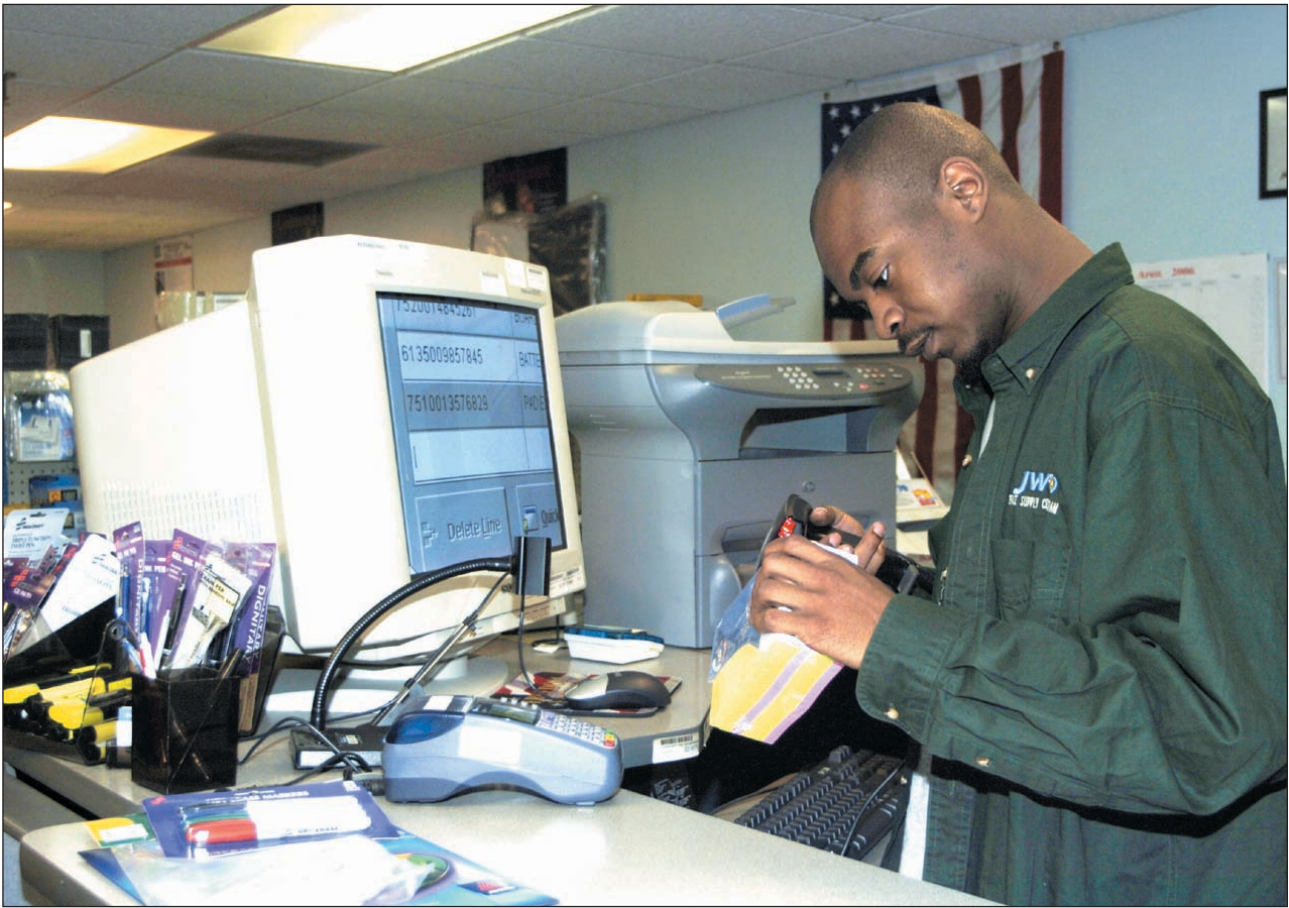
Deployment briefings
Pre-deployment briefings are held daily at 9 a.m. Family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Ext. 2974 or Ext. 2790.



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Wings Over Columbus huge success



Marcus Deloach, an AIB store clerk, scans items for checkout at the Columbus AFB supplies store.

AIB store offers equal opportunities

The Columbus AFB supply center, operated by the Alabama Industries for the Blind, offers office supplies and furniture, cleaning supplies and hardware. Mary Callahand, store manager, invites all government purchase card holders and government contractors to check out the wide range of products the store offers. Customers may place orders in person, on the internet or via fax. Special orders are also accepted. Columbus AFB has one of four stores operated on military bases by AIB. The other stores are located at Moody AFB, Ga., Redstone Arsenal Ala., and Ft. Rucker, Ala. A fifth store is scheduled to open later this year at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

“While each installation community benefits from the convenience of an AIB-operated base supply store, it is really the visually impaired who benefit the most,” said Cathy West, sales and marketing manager for AIB. “Base supply stores support the visually impaired by providing direct jobs through the stores themselves as well as through the purchase of blind-made products.”

Federal government agencies are required by law through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act to purchase the products and services of the visually impaired. F this reason federal, offices and the military have always been AIB's biggest customers. Thanks to this law, nearly 30 percent of visually impaired individuals nationwide are employed, versus just 10 percent in the 1930s. Today over 3,000 JWOD products are produced by non-profit agencies who employ persons with vision impairment.

Alabama Industries for the Blind

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BLAZE TEAM's all-star



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Andrea Stegall, 14th Flying Training Wing command section executive assistant, (center) is congratulated on her distinction as Air Education and Training Command Honor Guardsman of the Year by Tech. Sgt. Daniel McClesky, 14th FTW command section NCOIC; Lt. Col. Tom McClain, former 14th FTW director of staff; Col Mark Baker, 14th FTW vice commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bowes, 14th FTW command chief.

‘My Stuff’ lets Airmen track requests

Airmen can now track the status of requests and correspondence sent to the Air Force Contact Center via the "My Stuff" tab on the Air Force Personnel Center public Web site.

Airmen need a separate user identification and password to access My Stuff because the new software cannot be accessed at this time with the reduced sign-on capability used by the Air Force Portal and the AFPC Secure site.

The system automatically created a generic user ID and password for Airmen who previously corresponded with the contact center. Those members should have received an e-mail from contact.center@randolph.af.mil requiring them to personalize and secure their account by establishing a unique password.

Members who did not receive this e-mail either already secured their account with a unique login and password or they have never corresponded with the contact center.

A generic account has already been established for all Airmen who have not yet interacted with the contact center, since they may be required to do so in the future as part of the Personnel Service Delivery Transformation.

Members can personalize their generic account by visiting the AFPC public Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and following these instructions:

- Click the My Stuff gray tab on the front page underneath the search box
- Type their generic user ID and click the “Email Me My Password” button.

ton. The generic user ID is the member's last name and last four digits of their social security number

– Once the system e-mails the password, members can use their generic user ID and password to login and personalize their account by creating a unique user ID and password.

Establishing the My Stuff account will help Airmen track any requests, applications or questions they have sent to the Air Force Contact Center.

For questions or issues regarding establishing a My Stuff account call the contact center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, option 1, option 2; commercial (210) 565-5000; or DSN 665-5000. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

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Graduation speaker: Lt. Gen. Ronald Ladnier											




STAR BLAZER

The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks
Lt. Col. Beau Easterling
and the
Open House Committee
for a well executed, safe and exciting air show!

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **29 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



Sexual assault prevention director is a myth buster

The biggest myth about sexual abuse is that the victim lies about it, according to the director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach Office at nearby Lackland Air Force Base.

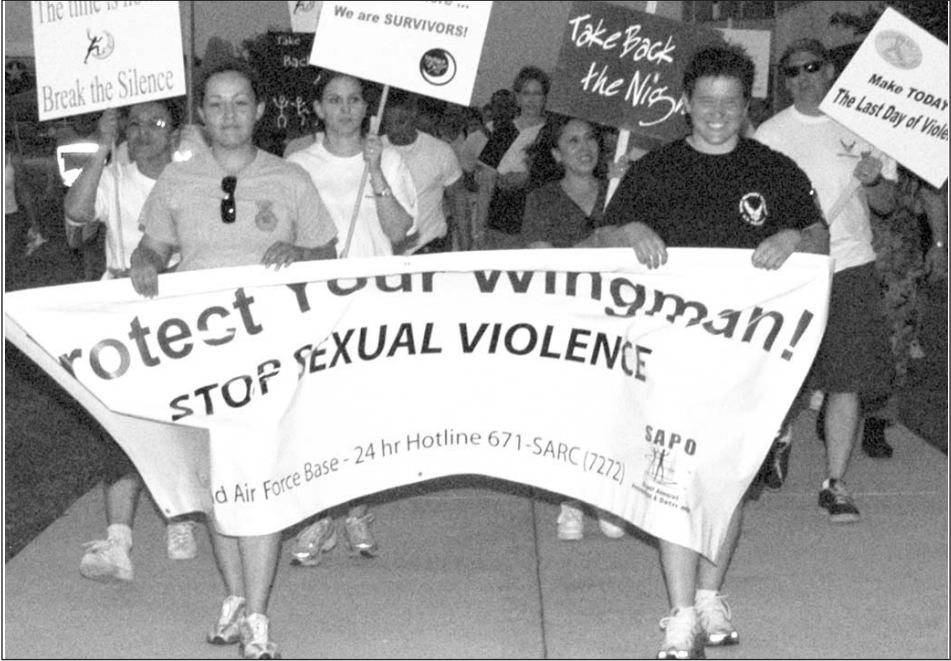
Dr. Charlotte Moerbe, a psychologist who once worked in a San Antonio rape crisis center, has made it her life goal to educate people about sexual assault and the misconceptions that surround it. "A large number of our cases involve our younger generation, and most cases involve alcohol," Dr. Moerbe said. "For many of them, regret does not mean rape. Unfortunately, many times it does. There is no gain to lie about sexual assault."

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sexual assault is the nation's most underreported violent crime.

One way Dr. Moerbe educates the public about sexual assault is to sponsor a base "Take Back the Night" march each year. The observance dates back to the 1970s.

The march began as a women's organized protest against violence in the late 1970s in Europe. These women-only protests emerged in direct response to the violence that women encountered as they walked the streets at night.

The activities became more coordinated and soon developed into a movement that extended to the United States and, by 1978, the first Take Back the Night events in the United States were held in San Francisco and New York City. Over time, sexual assault awareness activities expanded to include the issue of sexual violence against men and men's participa-



Alan Boedeker
Airman 1st Class Gloria Nava and Airman Ashley Hess march during "Take Back the Night" at Lackland AFB, Texas, April 5. They are assigned to the 37th Security Forces Squadron.

tion in ending sexual violence.

"We had a lot of people say that our type of event was contagious," Dr. Moerbe said about her April 5 march through Lackland. "The participants felt empowered and determined to stomp out sexual violence."

The march came less than three weeks after the Department of Defense released the results of its second annual report on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.

The report addressed data on alleged sexual assaults that were reported during 2005 in which members of the armed

forces were victims or offenders.

The Air Force received 584 reports of alleged sexual assault -- an increase of 28 percent over the year before. One hundred eighty-one reports made under the restricted reporting option accounted for the increase. Twenty-nine of the restricted reports later moved to an unrestricted report, meaning that an investigation was opened.

Dr. Moerbe said everyone expected the rise because of the increased focus on sexual assault prevention education and training. In 2005, DOD mandated all military installations would have a sexual

assault policy in place by Jan. 1, 2005. The policy provided a foundation for the department to improve prevention of sexual assault, significantly enhance support to victims and increase reporting and accountability.

If more confidentiality is added to the reporting process, even more sexual assaults may be reported, Dr. Moerbe said.

There are a number of barriers that discourage victims from reporting to investigators and the command, said Claudia Bayliff, chief of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. The Air Force is focusing on eliminating those barriers.

Since June, military victims of sexual assault have been offered a restricted reporting option, which allows those who have been sexually assaulted to receive medical treatment and support without automatically triggering a criminal investigation.

The Air Force encourages victims to report the crime so it may be investigated and prosecuted.

However, the restricted reporting option provides victims who may not be able to immediately take that step, with the care, support and time to make an informed decision.

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed in April and is dedicated to raising awareness about the nature and prevalence of this crime and to increase prevention efforts.

For more information about sexual assault prevention, visit www.sapr.mil/ (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

DOD attacks rising pharmacy costs

In the first year since the Department of Defense began using the uniform formulary process to review and classify prescription drugs, \$500 million has been saved.

In addition, the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service, or PDTS, has avoided more than 171,000 potentially life-threatening drug interactions since 2001, said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

"More than 2.1 million prescriptions are filled in the military health system during a typical week," Dr. Winkenwerder said. "Since we began using the pharmacy uniform formulary last year, we have been able to move forward rapidly to make prudent decisions that protect our beneficiaries' health and at the same time save costs."

The uniform formulary established a process that places prescription drugs into one of three cost-share tiers, based upon their relative clinical and cost effectiveness.

"These pharmacy decisions reflect our strong interest in seeing that our beneficiaries get the medications they need," Dr. Winkenwerder said. "It is our goal to ensure that the best balance of efficacy and cost effectiveness is accomplished."

The DOD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meets quarterly to recommend

medications for placement on the uniform formulary or to be non-formulary. The group is made up of physicians and pharmacists, representatives from the military services, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Coast Guard. Their recommendations are vetted with a Beneficiary Advisory Panel, whose membership includes representatives of active duty families and retirees, civilian health care professionals and TRICARE contractors.

The uniform formulary is just one of several measures that DOD has implemented over the past five years to enhance quality and reduce costs, said Capt. Tom McGinnis, TRICARE chief pharmaceutical officer.

"Savings have also come from DOD and VA pursuing joint contracts for our pharmacy programs. In fiscal 2007, it is estimated that we will save nearly \$200 million alone by using joint national contracts," he said.

Beneficiaries are also being encouraged to use the TRICARE mail order pharmacy program for maintenance medications to save money and for convenience.

"Mail order is a win-win because it reduces the department's costs dramatically, while offering maintenance medications to our beneficiaries for reductions from what

they are paying to the retailers," Dr. Winkenwerder said.

"The program is perfectly safe and convenient and the prescriptions are delivered directly to your home," Captain McGinnis said. The department is launching a marketing campaign to encourage more TRICARE beneficiaries to use mail order.

"Beneficiaries can access a registered pharmacist at any time via a toll-free number to answer any questions they have about their prescriptions," he said.

Since 2001, DOD's software program for physicians and pharmacists called PDTS has improved the quality of DOD prescription services and enhanced patient safety by reducing the likelihood of adverse drug interactions and duplicate treatments.

With each new or refill prescription, a screen automatically checks the prescription against the beneficiary's complete medication history before it is dispensed. This transparent online activity occurs in the background for health care providers.

"PDTS has resulted in much higher quality medical care, not only for DOD beneficiaries, but for many other Americans as well," Captain McGinnis said. "PDTS is the first data system to centralize such information and make it available through the

entire community of TRICARE providers." This initiative prompted civilian medical facilities and pharmacies nationwide to use adverse event screening software.

"For the military health system, it has reduced fraud and abuse, created better management reporting, saved money through the avoidance of adverse events because they cost money to treat -- and most important, PDTS has increased patient safety," Captain McGinnis said.

DOD is planning to implement other initiatives to manage costs of the pharmacy benefit so that it can be sustained. In February, the department rolled out some modest pharmacy cost-share increases.

"There will be no fee changes whatsoever for the active duty servicemembers," Dr. Winkenwerder said. "For all other beneficiaries, including those aged 65 and over, there will be no pharmaceutical co-pays in military clinics and zero co-pays for mail order generic medications. However, there will be increases in retail pharmacy co-pays and higher co-pays for a few non-covered medications."

For more information on the Uniform Formulary, visit TRICARE's Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/unif_form.cfm. (Courtesy of TRICARE News Service)

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Application dates approach for Katrina-related home grants

KEESLER AFB, Miss. -- Eligible homeowners who sustained flood-related damage caused by Hurricane Katrina although their residences were outside the identified flood plain may qualify for federal grants of up to \$150,000. This includes people who were stationed here at the time of the hurricane and have since been reassigned to other locations.

The application processing dates for the Keesler Service Center of the

Hurricane Katrina Homeowners' Grant Program are Thursday through May 5.

Interested parties may call (228) 377-1378 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for appointments to apply for the program.

Appointments are at the center, located in the 2nd Air Force headquarters, 721 Hangar Road. However, the Keesler Service Center will make special arrangements to accommodate military members who

meet all the requirements but are no longer in the local area. Reassigned and/or dislocated personnel can call the service center or contact their former organization at Keesler.

The federally funded program is administered by the Mississippi Development Authority. For more information, call or visit www.MSHomeHelp.gov or www.keesler.af.mil/Hurricane/grant.doc/. (Courtesy of the 81st Training Wing Public Affairs)

AIB

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began during the Great Depression when Mattie Gilbert Smith, a rehabilitation teacher at the Alabama School for the Blind, began a sewing project for the visually impaired women graduating from her class.

Women had two choices in the 1930s -- they could stay at home and hope their family would support them or they could hope to find a husband to support them. Through the project, Ms. Smith provided women with work so they could support themselves.

Before long, the Federated Women's Clubs of Alabama were selling the sewn products and the business grew from that point on. Today, the product line includes brooms and mops, toner cartridges, paper products such as copy paper, steno pads, flip charts, flyers kit bags as well as the original products of pot holders, towels and more. AIB is also the only manufacturer of neckties for our armed services. Later this spring AIB will begin producing ink jet cartridges.

The Columbus Base Supply Center is located in Building 158 and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to place an order, call Mary Callahand, store manager, at Ext. 2401 or Ext. 7163, or visit the Alabama Industries for the Blind Web site at www.aib.aidb.com.

Window of Opportunity



Military Training Instructor Staff Sgt. David Aguilar speaks to students and parents about experiences to be expected during basic training at a recruiting event at a San Antonio high school April 4. The event had video games and a semi-trailer with a short video shown inside about career opportunities and experiences in the Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Larry Simmons

Change improves Air Force quality of life

Chief Master Sgt. Cristi J. Bowes
14th Mission Support Group

When change comes knocking at the door, many people don't open it. Instead they stay stagnant, living in their comfort zone and provide the proverbial "This is the way we have always done it" response. We cannot evolve without change. Just think where we would be now if many of the great inventors of the world gave up when they were laughed at or ignored upon voicing their ideas of electricity, automobiles, airplanes and trips to the moon.

My first experience with fear of change came when I was a sergeant (assigned to Clark AB in the Philippines). Yes a sergeant — which was a rank before rank changes were made. I suggested to my boss, a master sergeant, a better way of managing the decoration suspense process for tenant units, to which I received, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it." Well he was right; it wasn't broken, however it expended three hours a day every week to separate the six-part product from the carbon, attach an office form letter, log it into the ledger book and place it in a "holey Joe" where we would never see it again. Since they went to tenant

units, the decoration was not routed through our wing for approval, so they ignored the Consolidated Base Personnel Office (now Military Personnel Flight) due date since they were suspended by their Major Command. However, I just couldn't leave it alone since it seemed to be a waste of time, money and resources. So, I submitted an Air Force Form 1000, Suggestion Form (now the IDEA program) to the suggestion office. I recommended that all tenant unit decoration suspenses be suppressed so late letters would not generate. In five short months my suggestion was approved by Headquarters PACAF and we were out of the tenant unit decoration business.

Another encounter of change is when I found myself on the other side of the table when Senior Airman Everett Cooper from the 14th Mission Support Group stopped by my office to run an idea of his past me. He wanted to streamline the Air Education and Training Command Form 29B, Pre-Departure Safety Briefing, routing process. Senior Airman Cooper informed me that the Commander's Support Staff maintained forms on all SG, Medical Group and Wing Staff Agency personnel 26 or younger when they are on leave. This expended over 10 hours a week and the files were growing to the

point that there was no more room. He said he researched all pertinent Air Force Instructions and could not find any reference to who should maintain this form and wanted to implement procedures for the form to be maintained by the supervisor since they conduct the safety briefing. I told him this was a great idea and that he should bring it up to his supervisor. He did and within a week his process was implemented.

My points can be summed up by quoting Haw from the book — Who Moved My Cheese? — "We keep doing the same things over and over again and wonder why things don't get better."

If you haven't read this book, I highly recommend you do because it will change the way you deal with change. With the Air Force facing downsizing, we must think of better and smarter ways to do our jobs. We must look at all our processes no matter how big or small they are to see what can be improved or eliminated, and embrace ideas and suggestions from everyone, especially our subordinates. So the next time someone approaches you with a suggestion, regardless of their rank, don't fear the change. Instead, jump on the train to progress and enjoy the ride.

Springtime brings chance for growth, rejuvenation

Mary Ann Shows
14th Mission Support Group

What an awesome time of the year. As the days begin to get longer, we start to see the grass grow greener and taller by the minute. Spring is seen as a time of growth, renewal and new birth —the cycle of life begins once again. To me, this directly relates to us as individuals and the constant growth and renewal we should experience every day.

Teachability, quality No. 20 in John Maxwell's book — The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader — really stood out to me in relation to this new growth period.

We should strive to be teachable leaders. Listening and reading are excellent sources for personal growth and renewal. Being the leader of a team who listens to all the members will help improve the team and offer self-improvement opportunities for each of us. This doesn't apply only at work, but at home, too. We become more supportive as spouses and parents when we listen to what our family members are

saying, even though sometimes we may not want to hear it.

As we continue the renewal process through a healthy life style of spiritual, physical and emotional growth, we become more able to face the growing challenges the "daily grind" gives us. Facing each day with a positive outlook and not settling for the normal "status quo" will also help achieve success as a leader. In his book, Maxwell gives five pivotal guidelines to help cultivate and maintain a "teachable" attitude:

1. Cure your disease destination – Don't stop at your goal — grow, grow, grow!
2. Overcome your success – Don't let what gets you there keep you there!
3. Swear off shortcuts – You pay a price for everything of value!
4. Trade in Your Pride – Admit you don't know everything!
5. Never Pay Twice for the Same Mistake - No mistakes equals no progress!

As you take time to notice that it is spring, check for that renewal process in your own daily routine. Get out of that box and enjoy a time of growth and rejuvenation every day.

"Listening and reading are excellent sources for personal growth and renewal."

Easter Sunday champagne brunch: The Columbus Club offers its brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10.95 for members and \$13.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat free. Reservations are encouraged. The menu includes pancakes, buttermilk biscuits, Southern grits, grilled home fries, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, waffle station with toppings galore, omelet bar, fried chicken, green beans almondine, mashed potatoes with gravy, rice pilaf, honey cured ham, carved steamship round of beef, smoked salmon, fried catfish, white fish, pasta station, super salad bar, assorted breads and cheeses, oven baked assorted rolls, and a dessert bar featuring an array of assorted cakes, oven baked pies and more. Call Ext. 2490.

Library closed Easter: The base library will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter. Call Ext. 2934 for more information.

Easter weekend bowling special: The bowling center is offering a bowling special today through Monday especially for families. Bowling is \$1 per game all weekend and shoe rental is free.

Chill out at the Daily Grind: The Daily Grind, located in the Fitness Center, now offers soft serve with fresh fruit, granola and various toppings. The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Ext. 2772.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. A free taco bar is available for club members and nonmembers pay \$3.95. Wings are 25-cents each for club members and 50-cents for nonmembers from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Beverage specials are also available. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Quick shot bingo: The club offers this program during lunch at the Columbus Club, during the Boss and Buddy Thursday nights in the Landing Lounge and from 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays at the Enlisted Lounge. Cost is \$1 per card and pays from \$3 to \$1,000 for winning combinations. Call Ext. 2490.

The bowling center also offers its own version of quick shot bingo which pays from \$5 to \$500 for a winning combination. Cost is \$1 per card. Play anytime the bowling center is open. Call Ext. 2425 for more information.

Kindergarten preparation class: The child development center has a few openings for this program. Call Ext. 2441 for more information.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center's upcoming April crafts classes feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include a spring door hanging, a wooden patchwork heart hanging, a three-piece jewelry set, and a patio stone using a paver. The youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include a lady bug using a clay saucer, a puzzle piece picture frame, a welcome spring sign for the door and a Mother's day gift.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby. Participants must register at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Club membership drive: Don't miss out on the weekly club membership drawings for \$20 in club bucks. Join the club today. Drawings are held every Monday. On or about May 31, there will be two drawings for a \$250 club credit: one for new members enrolling during the membership drive and one for all current members. Call Ext. 2489.

Club membership night: The Columbus Club invites all club members to their membership night from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Club members will be served free food and soft drinks and door prizes will be given away throughout the event. For more information, call Ext. 2489.

Country night at the bowling center: The bowling center is offering a country no-tap bowling tournament at 7 p.m. April 21. Entry is \$10 per person and includes bowling, prize fund and a Frito pie. Call Ext. 2426.

Lunch buffets: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday's menu is new and includes meat loaf, Southern fried pork chops, veggies and homemade apple pie. Wednesday's menu features a southern comfort buffet with fried chicken, smoked brisket and cobbler. Thursday is the backyard barbecue and Friday's menu is a bonsai buffet

with teriyaki chicken, beef vegetable stir fry, fried rice and egg rolls. Cost is \$5.50 per person and includes iced tea or lemonade.

Adult beginners golf clinic: Register at the pro shop for this one day clinic to learn the fundamentals of golf. Cost is \$5 and will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. April 22. Call Ext. 2490.

Secretaries day lunch special: The Columbus Club is offering bosses a chance to take their secretaries to lunch at the club and the secretaries' lunch is half price April 29. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.

National Oatmeal Cookie Day: The bowling center offers four oatmeal cookies for \$1 April 30. Stop in to take advantage of this special.

Home decor classes: The arts and crafts center offer three classes in May. Make a hall tree in the class May 4. Cost is \$50 and includes all supplies. Project size is 43" wide by 70 inches high x 18 inches deep. Register by April 27. Make a stackable storage cube for \$20 in the class May 11. Cube is 18 inches wide by 18 inches high x 18 inches deep. Register by May 4 for this class. Make a room divider for \$50 May 17. Cost is \$50 and includes all supplies. Project size is 72 inches wide by 72 inches high by 3.5 inches deep. Register by May 10 for this class. All classes are offered at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Places to go, people to see



Pam Wickham

Don Howard looks over the pamphlet for his free trip to a casino resort. Mr. Howard submitted an entry into the monthly puzzle contest from "The Buzz."



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles



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More than 45,000 people attended the Columbus AFB open house air show Sunday. Featured were static displays, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Parachute Team, the Air Force Thunderbirds and more.



Senior Airman John Parie



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Top: A member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Parachute Black Team jumps from the Golden Knights' aircraft and descends upon the cheering crowd waiting for him below.

Left: The Air Force Thunderbirds fly in close formation during the air show. The Thunderbirds were the last to perform after more than 10 performers and fly-bys.

Top: Members of the U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Parachute team opened the air show with a series of jumps.

Right: The Air Force Thunderbirds signed autographs for the crowd after the air show.



Senior Airman Cecilia Rodriguez



Senior Airman John Parie

This heritage flight made up of an F-15E, P-47, P-51 and an A-10, was one of the many fly-bys at the air show.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass
Tuesday:
6 p.m.— Communal Penance at the chapel
7 p.m. — RCIA

Protestant

6:30 a.m. — Sunrise service between Walker Center and Base Operations Building
10:45 a.m. — Combined Traditional and Contemporary worship at chapel service at the chapel sanctuary
Monday:
7 p.m. — Bible study fellowship
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5 p.m. — Pot luck supper
6 p.m. — Video study
A Case for Kids
Pioneer Clubs
Thursday:
9 a.m. — Ladies Bible Study
For more information, call Ext. 2500.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Relocation assistance

Those relocating or making a permanent change of station can stop by the family support center for information about new bases, checklists to make moving easier and suggestions for traveling with children.

Basic communication skills

The third class for this skill building course will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Participants will learn how to concentrate on discussions and respond to information without disagreeing mentally.

Free childcare

The Childcare for PCS program offers up to 20 hours of free childcare per child for active-duty Air Force people arriving at or departing from Columbus AFB. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival. For more information, call Sharon Nichols at Ext. 2790.

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information, call the family support center.

Base Notes

Post office promotional

BLAZE TEAM members can win a half or a whole book of stamps with every purchase of a 39-cent book of stamps at the base post office until

Sunday. For details on this promotion, call 2960.

COSC celebration

A bingo celebration will be held by the Columbus Officer Spouses' Club will be held at 6 p.m. May 9 at the Columbus Club. The menu is stuffed chicken, and cost is \$11.50 with club members receiving a \$2 discount. For reservations, call Jennifer Wood at 425-6059 or e-mail her at woodtjgg@cableone.net by noon May 4. Non-attended reservations will be charged.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only. Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs in prohibited. Advertising yard sales in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is also prohibited.

People may locally advertise individual

items for sale, such as automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators. Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

Student Spouse social

Student spouses past, present and future are invited to a picnic at the park on Capitol Avenue in Capital Village May 17 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Allison Adair at 434-8714 or e-mail her at allison_adair@yahoo.com.

Thrift shop

The base thrift shop is open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Volunteers are needed. Consignments are accepted Thursdays during business hours until one hour before closing. For more information, call Ext. 2954.

Comedy Explosion: This event will be held today at 8 p.m. at the Trotter Convention Center featuring Chinnitta "Chocolate" Morris from B.E.T.'s Comicview, and Bandtastick. Cost is \$10 for active duty and veterans with identification, \$7 for Mississippi University for Women students with identification, and \$19 for the general public.

Poetry contest: The talent Literary Guild is sponsoring a free amateur poetry contest with 50 prizes awarded overall, including a \$1,000 grand prize. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. To enter, send one entry of

20 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Boulevard, PMB 4, Ashland, Ore., 97520, or visit www.freecontest.com.

Stork Support: Oktibbeha County Hospital hosts an expectant parent childbirth class Mondays at 6 p.m. in its educational facility. For more information, call 615-3364.

Belly dancing: Oktibbeha County Hospital's Wellness Connection offers two six-week belly dancing classes at OCH HealthPlex Aerobics Studio. The 6:30 p.m. class is for

beginners and the 7:30 p.m. is for those who have previously received belly dance instruction. For more information, call (662) 323-9355.

Community CPR: Baptist Memorial Hospital Golden Triangle offers community CPR classes each month. Call the education department for dates at 244-1497 or (800) 544-8762, Ext. 1497.

For more event listings, visit www.columbusms.org or www.tupelo.net.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement


The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement _____					

Name _____					
Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____ (in case we need more information)					

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Super scholars



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Megan Holland, Barbara Gable and Sara Hale are three of four people awarded the 2005 to 2006 Officer Spouses' Club Scholastic Achievement Award during a banquet held at the Columbus Club Tuesday. The four scholarships totaled \$3,500. Not pictured is Ryan Holland.

Three Falcon boxers crowned national champs

RENO, Nev. — Three members of the Air Force Academy boxing team were crowned national champions April 8 as the Falcons wrapped up competition at the 2006 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships.

Air Force entered the final night of competition in fourth place, following a disappointing semifinal round. Although they had just three finalists competing in the main ring, the Falcons went three-for-three, picking up crucial points in the team standings.

Junior Willie Lloyd showed why he was the defending national champion, taking an impressive decision from Jason Morris of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in the 112-pound championship bout. Lloyd, who defeated Morris in the regional finals two weeks ago, played it close in the first two rounds. At the start of the third round, Lloyd turned up the pressure and dominated the contest, using two standing eight-counts to secure the judges' votes.

Classmate Ezekiel Ignaco claimed his first national title at 119 pounds by decisioning Army's Scott Yeung. The champi-

onship bout was a rematch from the Falcons' trip to West Point last year, where Ignaco took a decision from Yeung when both were contending in the 125-pound weight class.

After facing a dominating foe in the semifinal round, Ignaco was met with a tentative, counter-punching Yeung. Slowly picking apart his opponent and landing the big shots, Ignaco earned the needed points for the decisive victory.

The Falcons were forced to wait until the night's final bout, the heavyweight contest, to learn their fate. That bout would determine their team's finish.

Junior Ian Tuznik took the pressure in stride and rallied for his first national title in a dominating referee-stopped contest (third round) over Navy's Dave Paddock. Using several hard-hitting jabs, the focused Tuznik took the fight to Paddock and never allowed his opponent to find his rhythm.

For the second straight year, the slimmest of margins separated the Falcons from the national team title. Air Force combined for 32 points, just one point shy of first-time champion UNLV (33 points).

The Falcons tied with service academy rival Army in points, but Air Force earned the tie-breaker with three individual champions compared to Army's two. Navy, the 2005 champion, finished fourth, while host Nevada and Lock Haven rounded out the top six.

In addition to its three national champions, Air Force claimed five other NCBA All-Americans. Jeremy Homan (125-lbs.), Luis Pena (139), Clifford Moore (156), Joe Conrad (165) and John Quinn (195) all claimed third-place honors following their finishes in the semifinal round of competition.

"I am very proud of this young group," head coach Eddie Weichers said. "Yes, it's disappointing that we weren't able to bring the championship back to the Academy, but I can't say enough about these guys."

He said that this experience will pay dividends in the future, as Air Force only loses three of its boxers to graduation.

"They have shown a ton of promise," Weichers said. "This is a great, great group of guys to build on for the future." *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Volleyball Standings as of April 10

14th SFS	3-0
37th FTS	0-2
14th OSS Team A	2-0
14th OSS Team B	0-2
14th CES	0-2
14th CPTS	0-1
14th CS	1-1
48th FTS	2-0
14th MSS	0-2

Nature Trails

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along the base Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call Ext. 7958.

Earth Day Volksmarch

Families and dogs are invited to the Earth Day Volksmarch April 29. The Volksmarch will begin at 8 a.m. and the 10.7 mile run will begin at 9 a.m. All participants must meet at the fitness center. All pre-registered children under 12 will receive a medal. There will be environmental themed stations every two miles, and points will be given to anyone participating in the Biggest Loser competition.

Start your engines!



Senior Airman Brian Ferguson

Air Force F-15 Eagles fly over the Texas Motor Speedway as a group of Texas active duty, Guard and Reserve Soldiers display the flag during the National Anthem. The flyover signaled the start of the NASCAR Nextel Cup, Samsung/RadioShack 500 on April 9 at Texas Motor Speedway.